

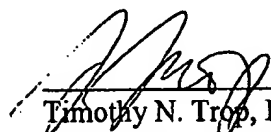
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REMARKS

This amendment is made to add the word "and" in claim 13. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 13 continues to be patentable, as no substantive amendment has been made to the claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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